

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A flywheel assembly for transmitting torque from a crankshaft, comprising:
 - a flywheel having a clutch friction surface frictionally engaging and disengaging a clutch disk;
 - a damper mechanism elastically and rotatably connecting said flywheel to a crankshaft of an engine; and
 - a support member supporting and positioning said flywheel on ~~said~~ the crankshaft, the crankshaft having an annular protrusion having an outer circumferential surface supporting an inner circumferential surface of said support member, said support member supporting and positioning said flywheel in a radial direction and being supported in the radial direction by ~~an axially projecting~~ said annular protrusion of the crankshaft.
2. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 1, wherein said flywheel is formed with an inner circumferential surface, and
said support member is formed with an outer circumferential surface opposing said inner circumferential surface in the radial direction.
3. (Original) The flywheel assembly according to claim 2, wherein said support member has a cylindrical support portion having said outer circumferential surface.

4. (Original) The flywheel assembly according to claim 3, further comprising a radial bearing disposed between said outer circumferential surface of said support member and said inner circumferential surface of said flywheel.

5. (Original) The flywheel assembly according to claim 4, wherein said radial bearing is composed of a cylindrical member.

6. (Withdrawn) The flywheel assembly according to claim 5, wherein said radial bearing further includes a thrust bearing portion that extends radially outward from said cylindrical member.

7.-9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The flywheel assembly according to claim [[9]]1, further comprising an inertia member and a fix member that fixes said support member and said inertia member to ~~said~~ the crankshaft.

11. (Original) The flywheel assembly according to claim 10, wherein said support member contacts said inertia member to center said inertia member in the radial direction.

12. (Currently Amended) The flywheel assembly according to claim [[3]]1, wherein said support member has a fix portion to be fixed to a tip of ~~said~~ the crankshaft.

13. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 12, wherein said fix portion is an annular flat disk-like portion and said support portion extends in the axial direction from an edge of said fix portion.

14.-16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) A flywheel assembly comprising:
a flywheel having a clutch friction surface frictionally engaging and disengaging a clutch disk;
a damper mechanism elastically and rotatably connecting said flywheel to a crankshaft of an engine, said damper mechanism including an input member attached to said crankshaft;
an inertia member being axially arranged between said fix portion and said input member; and
a support member supporting and positioning said flywheel on said crankshaft in a radial direction,
said input member being independent of and separate from said support member and contacting said support member, said fix portion being axially arranged between said crankshaft and said inertia member, and ~~said inertia member being axially arranged between said fix portion and said input member~~ said crankshaft having an annular protrusion having an outer circumferential surface supporting an inner circumferential surface of said support member.

18. (Original) The flywheel assembly according to claim 17, further comprising a fix member to fix said support member and said input member to said crankshaft.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Canceled).

21. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 10, wherein said fix member is a bolt.

22. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 17, wherein an inner radial portion of said input member contacts an outer circumferential surface of said support member.

23. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 1, further comprising
an inertia member separately formed from said support member, wherein
said support member has
a fix portion fixed to a tip of said crankshaft, said fix portion being an annular
flat disk-like portion, and
a support portion extending in an axial direction from an edge of said fix
portion, and

said fix portion is axially arranged between said crankshaft and said inertia member, and said inertia member is axially arranged between said fix portion and said damper mechanism.

24. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 23, wherein said fix portion contacts said crankshaft.

25. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 24, wherein inner circumferential surfaces of said inertia member and said damper mechanism contact an outer circumferential surface of said support portion.

26. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 25, wherein said inertia member includes a disk member and an annular member fixed to a radially outer end of said disk member.

27. (Currently Amended) The flywheel assembly according to claim 17, ~~further comprising wherein~~

[[an]]said inertia member ~~being~~ is separately formed from said support member, said support member has

a fix portion being fixed to a tip of said crankshaft, said fix portion being an annular flat disk-like portion, and

a support portion extending in an axial direction from an edge of said fix portion, and

said fix portion is axially arranged between said crankshaft and said inertia member, and said inertia member is axially arranged between said fix portion and said input member.

28. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 27, wherein said fix portion contacts said crankshaft.

29. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 28, wherein inner circumferential surfaces of said inertia member and said input member contact an outer circumferential surface of said support portion.

30. (Previously Presented) The flywheel assembly according to claim 29, wherein said inertia member includes a disk member and an annular member fixed to a radially outer end of said disk member.

31. (New) The flywheel assembly according to claim 1, wherein said annular protrusion is a protrusion having the form of a ring having a vacant center.

32. (New) The flywheel assembly according to claim 18, wherein said fix member fixes said input member to said crankshaft at an inner radial portion of said input member.

33. (New) The flywheel assembly according to claim 31, further comprising a pair of output members connected to said flywheel and configured to rotate relative to said input member, wherein

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said input member is arranged to be axially between said pair of output members to transmit torque to said pair of output members via said damper mechanism.